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The purpose of the church is to bring glory to God.

Our Mission
what we do

Love God • Love People • Make Disciples

Our Core Values
how we do it

Worship - lifting up the name of the Lord Jesus Christ
Connect - living in community, loving and supporting one another
Grow - equipping believers to live in obedience to God's Word
Serve - helping people discover and use their God-given talents
Reach - transforming lives and communities with the good news of Jesus Christ

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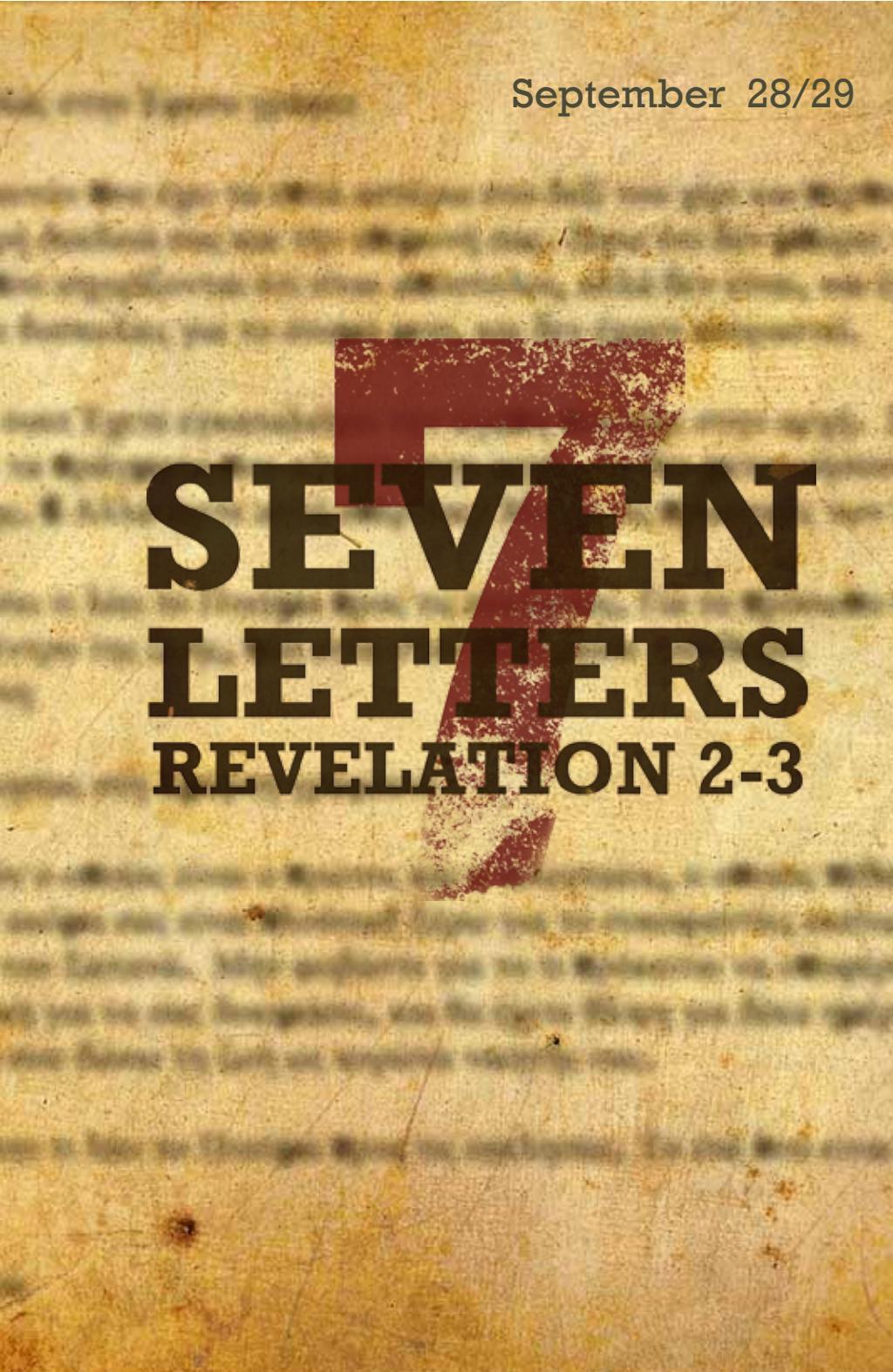
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Sermon Notes

The Letter to the Complacent Church, Part 2

Revelation 3:14-23

Pastor Rick Countryman

Write this letter to the angel of the church in Laodicea. This is the message from the one who is the Amen—the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's new creation:

I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish that you were one or the other! But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth! You say, "I am rich. I have everything I want. I don't need a thing!" And you don't realize that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked. So I advise you to buy gold from me—gold that has been purified by fire. Then you will be rich. Also buy white garments from me so you will not be shamed by your nakedness, and ointment for your eyes so you will be able to see. I correct and discipline everyone I love. So be diligent and turn from your indifference.

Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends. Those who are victorious will sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat with my Father on his throne.

Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches.
Revelation 3:14-23 (NLT)

5 ways to keep your relationship with Jesus hot

1. Understand the **truth** about yourself.

...You don't realize that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked.

Verse 17

2. Admit you have a **desperate need** for Him.

You say, "I am rich. I have everything I want. I don't need a thing!" And you don't realize that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked.

Verse 17

3. Go to **Jesus alone** to meet your deepest needs.

So I advise you to buy gold from me—gold that has been purified by fire. Then you will be rich. Also buy white garments from me so you will not be shamed by your nakedness, and ointment for your eyes so you will be able to see.

Verse 18

The counsel of the LORD stands forever...

Psalm 33:11 (NAS)

Since he [God] did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else?

Romans 8:32 (NLT)

4. **Embrace the discipline of the Lord.**

I correct and discipline everyone I love. So be diligent and turn from your indifference.

Verse 19

If you don't punish your son, you don't love him. If you do love him, you will correct him.

Proverbs 13:24 (GN)

Discipline your children while they are young enough to learn. If you don't, you are helping them destroy themselves.

Proverbs 19:18 (GN)

Children just naturally do silly, careless things, but a good spanking will teach them how to behave.

Proverbs 22:15 (GN)

Don't fail to discipline your children. They won't die if you spank them. Physical discipline may well save them from death.

Proverbs 23:13-14 (NLT)

My child, don't make light of the LORD's discipline, and don't give up when he corrects you. For the LORD disciplines those he loves, and he punishes each one he accepts as his child.

Hebrews 12:5-6 (NLT)

No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it's painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way.

Hebrews 12:11 (NLT)

5. **Quickly respond** to the voice of Jesus.

Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.

Verse 20

**Memory Verse**

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.
Acts 3:19 (NIV)

Monday – Begin the day in prayer; meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 6:30-35 and John 7:37-38. Why do you think Jesus likened himself to food and water?

According to John 6:35, what happens when we eat the Bread of Life?

How is it possible for us never to be hungry or thirsty?

What are some of the ways you are getting spiritual sustenance?

Tuesday – Begin the day in prayer; meditate on the memory verse.

Read Revelation 3:18, 1 Peter 1:6-7, Job 23:10, Psalm 66:10-12 and Isaiah 48:10. In the Proverbs passage, what is being tested?

Why are trials likened to a fire or furnace?

What happens to our faith when it is refined by fire?

How has walking through a trial strengthened your faith?

Wednesday – Begin the day in prayer; meditate on the memory verse.

Read Matthew 6:24-33. Why can't you serve two masters?

According to these verses, what are we not to do?

What are we to seek?

How are worry and mistrust connected?

Name some ways you've seen trust chase away worry.

Thursday – Begin the day in prayer; meditate on the memory verse.

Read Revelation 3:19, Deuteronomy 8:5, Proverbs 3:11-12 and Hebrews 12:5-6. Why does the Lord discipline us?

Why should we not despise His discipline?

What is the purpose of godly discipline?

As a child, did you experience godly discipline? How has this affected your view of God?

Friday – Begin the day in prayer; meditate on the memory verse.

Read Revelation 3:19, 2 Corinthians 7:8-9, Proverbs 28:13, 1 John 1:8-9 and 2 Chronicles 7:14.

Why did Paul not regret writing his letter to the Corinthians?

What happens when we repent?

What happens to the man who conceals his sin?

How has the sorrow of discipline brought about the joy of repentance in your life?

Personal Reflection & Application

How has the Lord spoken to you through this lesson?